

Concord (MACO) Feeder Watchers' Short Checklist January 2, 2012

Name(s) of observer(s): _____

Address or location:_____

Time spent observing

Hours:**Minutes:**[illegible]

Notes and Instructions for Feeder Watchers

Timing: The observation is timed so please record the beginning of your watch and the end point. This can be accomplished while you are doing chores, working around home, and so forth as long as you are checking and counting at regular and constant intervals. If you leave home, stop the clock. Time spent on errands away from home does not count.

We also need to know how many people in your household contributed, so please list the names of all participating observers.

How to count: Usually the same birds are coming and going so you will need to take a visual "snapshot" and tell us the highest number of each species you counted at a single glance during the entire observation period. Please do not add a count to one taken several minutes earlier—you are counting some of the same birds twice. If you saw four chickadees at eleven o'clock and six chickadees at eleven-fifteen, the count is six, not ten.

Reporting: Call or email your results to your coordinators the afternoon of Count Day or as soon as possible (call Peter Alden @ tel. 978-369-5768). And please complete the checklist before you call or email. You will save your frantic coordinators time and effort talking on the phone and entering data if they receive your species list in taxonomic order with the observation times.

Feeder Watchers are **not required** to pay the \$5.00 participation fee. However, if you would like to make a financial contribution and receive National Audubon's CBC edition of *American Birds*, please submit your postal address along with your donation of \$5.00 or more to your coordinator. Checks should be made to the order of National Audubon Society.